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BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE
AND DISCIPLINE

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In the matter of:
Guy A. Geffroy, M.D.

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to §5-37-5.2 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended, (1987 Reenactment), complaints were filed by certain patients with the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (hereinafter referred to as "Board") alleging Guy A. Geffroy, M.D., Respondent, committed "unprofessional conduct" as defined in §5-37-5.1. An investigation was conducted by Investigating Committee I, so called, of the Board.

The following constitutes the Investigating Committee's Investigative Findings with respect to the professional conduct of the Respondent.

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INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

1. The Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline finds that
Guy A. Geffroy, M.D. engaged in the following activities:

a) billed patients for medical services by
inappropriately adding charges previously omitted
from bills received by the patient and adding
interest on the previously unbilled portion of the
bill;

b) failed to transfer medical records to patients
and their subsequent treating physicians in a
timely manner after receiving proper requests;

c) failed to renew a prescription for a patient
with a disputed "unpaid" bill;

d) charged patients for services rendered at the
time of the visit but kept a separate billing chart
in certain cases where a personal injury claims had
been filed, which chart was not given or known to
the patient at the time services were rendered;

e) sent bills to patients with charges, late fees,
interest, and fees for services which could not
reasonably have been understood or assented to by
the patients.

2. The Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline finds further
that the Respondent, with the advice of counsel, undertook
certain steps to correct the activities described above. As

a result of these corrective actions, no further complaints have been filed with the Board regarding the Respondent.

3. The Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline finds that the Respondent violated §§5-37-5.1(16) and (19), and §§5-37-22(d) of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island.

The parties agree as follows:

(1) The Respondent is a physician licensed and doing business under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of Rhode Island, allopathic license No. MD3248.

(2) Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.

(3) Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of Investigating Committee I of the Board and is subject to the final approval of the Board. This Consent Order is not binding on respondent until final ratification by the Board.

(4) Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:

- a. The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
- b. The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his behalf at a hearing;
- c. The right to cross examine witnesses;
- d. The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
- e. The right to further procedural steps except for specifically contained herein;

f. Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;

g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review;

h. Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Board to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to review adequately this Consent Order;

i. Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order.

(5) If the Consent Order is not accepted by the Respondent, the Investigative Committee will convene an Administrative Hearing with respect to any and all acts of alleged unprofessional conduct.

(6) Acceptance of this Consent Order constitutes an acknowledgement by the Respondent of the findings of the Investigating Committee.

(7) This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties and by the Board.

(8) Failure to comply with this Consent Order, when signed and accepted, shall subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action.

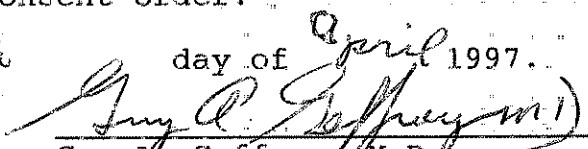
(9) The Respondent accepts the sanction of a Reprimand. Further, the Respondent assures the Board that the activities described in the Investigative Findings have ceased and will not occur in the future. The Respondent agrees to complete within six months of the date of this Order 20 Hours of Continuing Medical Education in areas suggested by the Board. All such Category 1 CME hours must be approved of in advance by the Board.

(10) The Respondent shall pay an Administrative Fee of Two Thousand (\$2000.00) Dollars to the Board within sixty days of ratification of this Consent Order.

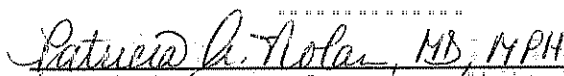
Signed this

9th

day of April 1997.


Guy A. Geffroy, M.D.

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline at a meeting held on April 9, 1997.


Patricia A. Nolan, MD, MPH
Chairperson
Board of Medical Licensure and
Discipline